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For: **"ROLL-OFF CONTAINER WITH ADJUSTABLE MEMBER"**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir,

The present invention relates to an adjustable attachment apparatus for a container, in particular, a roll-on, roll-off container, for use with a truck equipped to transport the carrier, such as a hoist truck. The container attachment apparatus comprises a connector member, more specifically a hook-receiving or hitch member which is vertically adjustable to a plurality of different heights in relation to a ground surface in order to accommodate various trucks having container retrieving hoist mechanisms with a hook or other element of differing minimum heights which manipulate the container through the connector member.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 – 1.99, Applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set for in 37 C.F. R. §1.56, the following patents and or documents, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

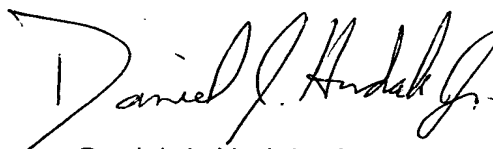
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As this application is submitted after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U. S. patents or application publications are furnished.

An official action considering the enclosed items is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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